

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2398**  
**Crout House**  
**909 Old Harris Mill Road**  
**Parkton, Baltimore County**  
**1892**  
**Private**

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The wood frame Queen Anne-style dwelling faces west towards the Interstate 83. It is sited on a large sloping property surrounded by fields, mature trees, wood rail fences, and landscaping around the house. The single-family dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height, rests on a solid random rubble foundation, and is five bays wide with two interior-end brick corbeled cap chimneys. A shed roof porch covers the center three bays including the central entrance and is supported with turned wood posts. The porch is detailed with spindlework and scroll-sawn brackets. The entry contains a single-leaf wood door with arched molded panels. The entrance is illuminated with 3-light sidelights over a dado panel and a 3-light transom. The first story is pierced with four elongated 4/4 double-hung wood sash replacement windows. The second story contains five 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows, and the upper story has a cross gable roof which is lighted with a lancet-arched 2/2 double-hung wood sash window. The gables are clad with fishscale wood shingles. The side gable roof features overhanging eaves, a boxed cornice encased with aluminum, and is clad with standing-seam metal. Several one-story additions have been made to the side elevation. Two historic outbuildings, five non-historic outbuildings and one non-historic well enhance this property.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2398

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Crout House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 909 Old Harris Mill Road

not for publication

city, town Parkton

vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph P. Ciofani

street and number 909 Old Harris Mill Road

telephone Not Available

city, town Parkton

state MD

zip code 21120

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 5045 folio 242

city, town Towson

tax map 3

tax parcel 101

tax ID number 0703036000

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	3
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	5
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	7
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed in 1892, this wood frame Queen Anne-style dwelling faces west towards the Interstate 83. It is sited on a large sloping property surrounded by fields, mature trees, wood rail fences, and landscaping around the house. The single-family dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height, rests on a solid random rubble foundation, and is five bays wide with two interior-end brick corbeled cap chimneys. A shed roof porch covers the center three bays including the central entrance and is supported with turned wood posts. The porch is detailed with spindlework and scroll-sawn brackets. The entry contains a single-leaf wood door with arched molded panels. The entrance is illuminated with 3-light sidelights over a dado panel and a 3-light transom. The first story is pierced with four elongated 4/4 double-hung wood sash replacement windows. The second story contains five 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows, and the upper story has a cross gable roof which is lighted with a lancet-arched 2/2 double-hung wood sash window. The gables are clad with fishscale wood shingles. The side gable roof features overhanging eaves, a boxed cornice encased with aluminum, and is clad with standing-seam metal. Several one-story additions have been made to the side elevation.

Two historic outbuildings, five non-historic outbuildings and one non-historic well enhance this property. A circa 1900 bank barn is located to the west of the house. It is one-and-a-half stories high standing on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The wood frame building is reclad with vertical boards and is four bays wide. Two 2-leaf vertical-board sliding-doors, and two fixed wood 1-light windows pierce the south elevation. The side elevation contains wood louvered vents with pointed arch surrounds. The barn is capped with a side gable roof covered with standing-seam metal. A wood frame tack house, constructed circa 1940, in the same vicinity as the barn, is one story high with 2-light sliding windows and a 1-leaf metal door. The gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal, and the building is clad with vertical boards. Non-historic outbuildings include a tractor shed, two hay sheds, stable, barn, well, and a horse ring. The tractor shed is metal clad with four open bays and topped with a side-gable standing-seam metal roof. Both hay sheds, constructed circa 1980, are clad with standing-seam metal, and have one open side two bays wide. They both are capped with a shed roof with a overhang, which is covered with standing-seam metal. The stable, constructed circa 1980, is covered with a front gable roof and has a center sliding door. The roof and walls are clad with standing-seam metal. The large barn in a field north of the house, was constructed circa 1980 and has a front gable roof. The walls and roof are clad with standing-seam metal. A well, next to the driveway close to the house, has a metal pump with a random rubble stone base. The horse ring is enclosed with a wood fence.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1892

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1892

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup>S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. Clemens and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 22.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	4.45 Acres	
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown	
Quadrangle name	New Freedom	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Crout House is located at 909 Old Harris Mill Road near Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 3, parcel 101 since its construction in 1892.

## 11. Form Prepared by

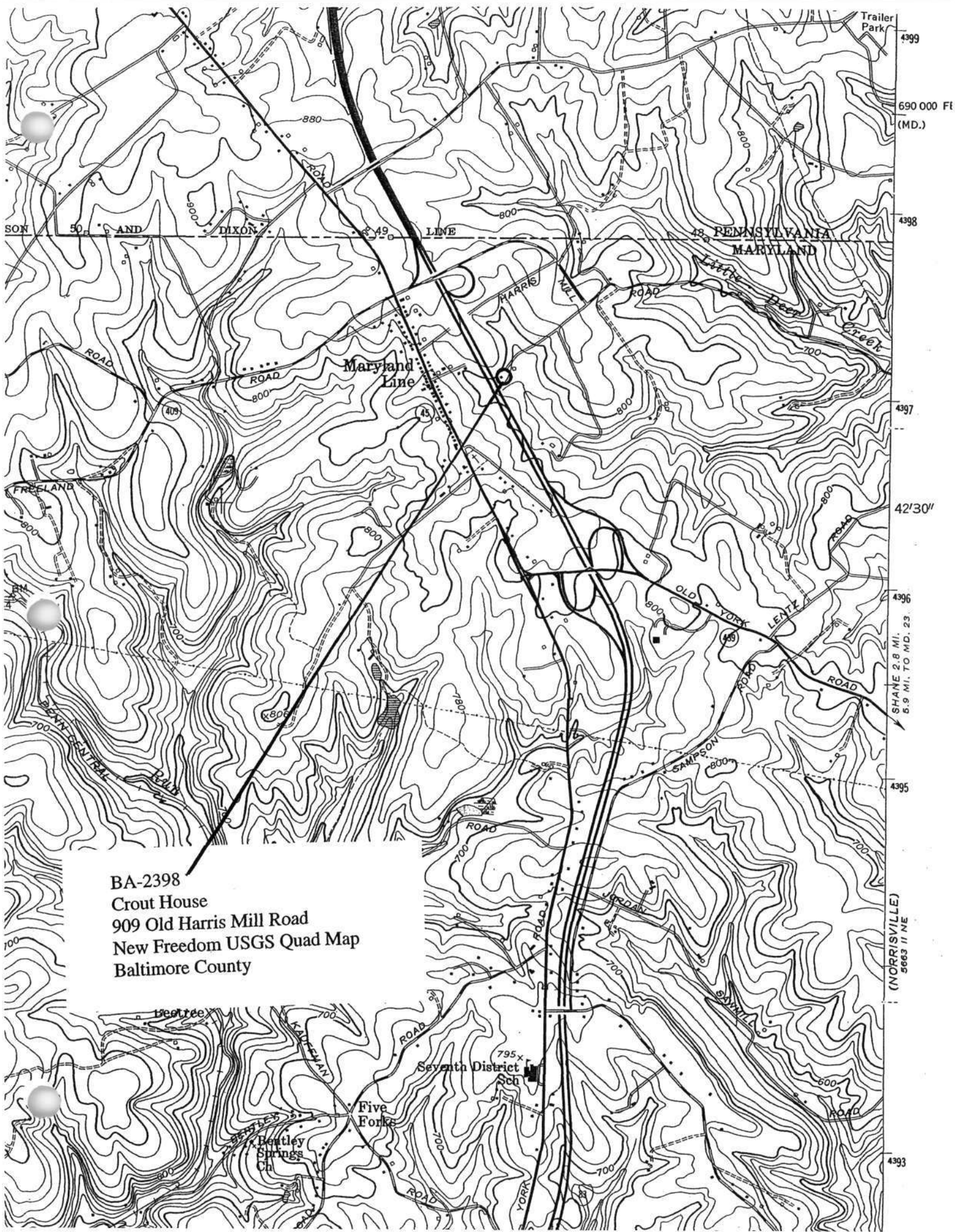
name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	February 11, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Crout House  
909 Old Harris Mill Road  
New Freedom USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County

(NORRISVILLE)  
5663 II NE

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CROFT HOUSE

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OUTBUILDINGS, VIEW LOOKING EAST  
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2398 CROUT HOUSE - 1892 - 909 Harris Mill Road, Maryland Line. Five-bay, 2-½ story, frame and clapboard, cross-gabled Victorian Gothic Revival house with large white composition shingles.

The main gable peak window is pointed in the "Gothic" style. Most windows are 2-over-2. The house contains an inscription on a sliding door: "Built 1892 by C. & W. Crout." The house also contains a mantel with a scroll-sawn 1892 date.

The house features a central stair with massive oak newell post and polished bannister of oak, curved at the second story landing. A second stair serves the finished attic level. The front door has two round-topped panels and two rectangular panels on the outside surface, four rectangular panels on the inside surface. The door is flanked by three stained glass panes, topped by two colored lights and a long clear transom light.

The interior features include "picture frame" door frames with \_\_\_\_\_ mouldings. The kitchen is lined with wainscoting. There are a number of bracketed shelves throughout the house, and wooden mantels. Holes are provided for stove pipes.

The most notable feature of the house in 1988 was the survival of original stained and varnished surfaces, including illustrations and faux graining patterns worked into the interior doors. This house had no central heating or plumbing in 1988. Its wall paper was peeling off, but there was only an occasional crack in the plaster. The house is supported by a full-width transverse beam about 9 inches square under the first floor. The full, open cellar is earth-floored.

The old ruinous house on this property is to the east, of frame and chestnut siding, with a primitive stairway tucked into the space next to the fireplace. This room has a plain but elegant fire place and some paneling. There is also a purely decorative mantel installed in other first-story room; that mantel is of a classical design, possibly Federal. The old house is probably the Kennedy house shown on the 1877 atlas plate of District 7.

(The main house is on Sheet 39-B-NW of the 200-scale maps; 410 feet east of I-83; 1,320 feet east of No. 21525 York Road in Maryland Line village.)

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